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Operational Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of airports for civilian transport out of the operational airports in the country that have reportedly incurred losses during the year 2014-15;

(b) the main reasons for such loss and the measures taken/being taken by the Government to counter such losses;

(c) whether the Government is planning to privatise these airports or enter into Private-Public Partnerships to maintain these airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry has shut down any airports during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): The details of loss incurred by Airports Authority of India (AAI) on its airports during the year 2014-15 are given at Annexure 1.

(b): The losses incurred at various airports are primarily due to low air traffic movements resulting in lesser aeronautical revenue, low nonaeronautical revenue potential and basic operating expenditure on account of regulatory/IATA and security requirements. AAI has initiated several steps to make the loss making airports viable and profitable by development of cargo activities, enhancement of non-aeronautical revenue through revision of rates and award of contracts through master concessions, allowing operation of flying schools at non-operational airports, encouraging Maintenance, Repair & Overhauling (MRO) activities, revision of base rates etc.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Madam. AAI has not closed down any airport in last three years.